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COUNTRY <u>Germany (Soviet Zone)</u>		REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Troop Trains at the Altengrabow Railroad Station</u>			
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REMARKS			

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1. The following troop trains were loaded at the Altengrabow (M 53/Z 00) railroad station and dispatched to Rostock (M 55/O 81) between 9 and 11 May 1952: 50X1-HUM

On 9 May. A train of 42 cars with billeting equipment and poles 50X1-HUM

On 10 May. A train carrying an undetermined number of troops with red-bordered black epaulets, 9 x 122-mm guns and trucks 50X1-HUM

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and prime movers; a train carrying an undetermined number of troops with red-bordered black epaulets, 12 light A1 guns, probably 57-mm, and trucks 50X1-HUM

and a train carrying 12 light artillery pieces, and trucks 50X1-HUM

On 11 May. A train carrying 12 light artillery pieces, and trucks 50X1-HUM

; and a train carrying 12 light artillery pieces, and trucks 50X1-HUM

2. The following troop trains arrived at Altengrabow from Athenow (N 53/E 15) between 15 and 19 May: 50X1-HUM

On 15 May. A train carrying 6 x 122-mm guns, prime movers 50X1-HUM

and 6 trucks.

On 16 May. A train carrying 6 x 122-mm guns, prime movers 50X1-HUM

and 3 new trucks.

On 17 May. A train carrying 10 tank trucks 50X1-HUM

and trucks; and a train carrying 6 x 122-mm guns with prime movers

On 18 May. A train carrying 6 x 122-mm guns and 7 prime movers 50X1-HUM

and a train carrying 12 x 122-mm guns, 6 prime movers 50X1-HUM

On 19 May. A train carrying 8 x 122-mm guns and 10 prime movers 50X1-HUM

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3. On 18 May, a train of 30 boxcars with live ammunition arrived at Altengrabow from Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63); and two searchlights and trucks 50X1-HUM

arrived by rail on 22 May. During the night of 18 May, an artillery unit wearing gas masks trained between Altengrabow and Drewitz. On 23 May, sedans 50X1-HUM

and the trucks were seen in front of the supply depot at Altengrabow: 50X1-HUM

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* [] Comment. Including the 6 troop trains dispatched from Altengradow to Rostock on 7 and 8 May 1952, and the 7 troop trains with elements of the Corps Arty Brig of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps mentioned in the present report, a total of 13 troop trains of the brigade left Altengradow. The arrival of these trains in Rostock has been confirmed []

[] the AT guns, [] were loaded on 7 May 1952, the Corps Arty Brig of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps is equipped with the following artillery pieces: 36 AT guns of 57-mm and/or probably 76.2-mm; 36 light guns of probably 76.2-mm and/or 100-mm; and 18 x 122-mm guns. This is a total of 90 artillery pieces. This figure appears to be too high, as heretofore the brigade has been carried with only two regiments and 48 artillery pieces. However, it seems possible that the brigade is organized into three regiments and is equipped with 72 artillery pieces. The information on gun types and calibers is uncertain as it is more probable that the brigade is equipped with 152-mm gun howitzers rather than 122-mm guns or howitzers. The presence of more than 72 guns is very much doubted. [] in the spring of 1951 the brigade numbered 1,000 to 1,500 soldiers and had 70 to 74 guns of 76.2-mm and 100-mm. [] Considering that the personnel strength of the brigade, as reported also from Rostock, was believed to be between 1,000 and 1,500 troops, the above gun equipment of the brigade appears to be greatly overestimated, but may still be possible.

** [] Comment. The 7 troop trains mentioned in the present report confirm the loading of 8 troop trains of the 10th How Arty Brig [] in Lathenow and their dispatching to Altengradow between 15 and 19 May 1952 []

*** [] Comment. [] the artillery units of the following troops which are believed to be stationed in Altengradow: the IV Arty Corps, the army antitank artillery brigade of the Third Shock Army from Brandenburg, the 19th Gds Mecz Div, the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, the 7th Gds Mecz Div and the 9th Tank Div.

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